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League of Women Voters Reminds Floridians that Sunday, May 18th Marks 100 Days Until the August Primary Election

Tallahassee, Fla -- As part of its ongoing efforts to get out the vote, the League of Women Voters of Florida wants to remind Florida voters that Sunday, May 18 marks 100 days until Florida's August 26 primary election. Many important local races are decided at the primary level, where turnout is traditionally light and votes cast can weigh more heavily in deciding outcomes. This makes voting during the primary an issue of utmost importance.

"There will be something for everyone on the August ballot", says Deirdre Macnab, League of Women Voters of Florida President. "Even voters registered as independents can cast a vote in local non-partisan races as well as an array of judicial races at the county and circuit levels. In many ways, your vote in the primary can have a greater impact than in November." Most Supervisors will post sample ballots on their websites in early July. Candidate qualifying ends in late June.

The League urges all Florida residents to register to vote by the July 28 deadline. For information on how to register and step by step instructions for registration, visit the League's website at www.BeReadyToVote.org. If you are already registered, make sure to check your voter status and get ready!

Florida makes voting easy and convenient by offering three different ways to vote: by mail, early, and on Election Day. Early voting will be available for the August primary.

The League would like to remind voters who will be unable to vote on-site that any registered Florida voter can request an absentee ballot by contacting their local Supervisor of Elections.

It is also important to check that your voting information, including your address and signature, are up-to-date. "Early summer is the perfect time to get your voting house in order," said Charley Williams, LWVF Voter Services Chair. "Call your local Supervisor of Elections office and make sure your voter file is accurate. This is particularly important if you have moved recently or if you haven't voted in past elections. With one call, you can cover details for both the August and November elections, then relax!"

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Primary election: Tuesday, August 26
Deadline to register to vote: Monday, July 28
Absentee Ballots will be mailed: Between July 22 and 29

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The League of Women Voters of Florida, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information, please visit the League's website at: www.TheFloridaVoter.org.